

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

March 20, 2018



A view from above: Marin and San Francisco Counties.

Photo Credit: CHP Golden Gate Division Air Operations Flight Officer Jan Sears

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National Terrorism Advisory System



SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

Significant Precipitation, Potential Flooding and Debris Flows, Santa Barbara County

A significant, long duration storm of subtropical moisture is expected to cross Southwest California from 03/20/18 through 03/22/18.

- Peak 1 hour rainfall rates are expected to range between 0.50 and 0.75 inches.
- There is the potential for significant flash flooding and debris flows in the recent burn areas.

Activations

- The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) will activate to Level 3 on 03/20/18 at 1900 hours.
- The Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will activate to Level 2 on 03/20/18 at 1700 hours.
- The Ventura County EOC is partially activated as of 03/20/18 at 0700 hours.
 - City of Ventura - Plans to activate on 03/20/18 at 1700 hours
 - City of Oxnard - Duty Officer Status with Public Works Department support
 - Southern California Edison - activated on 03/20/18 at 0800 hours.

Deployments

- 3 Cal OES Emergency Services Coordinators deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 2 Cal OES Emergency Services Coordinators deployed to Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chief deployed to Santa Barbara County
- 1 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chief deployed to Ventura County
- 1 Cal OES Law Enforcement Assistant Chief is deployed to the Santa Barbara ICP/IMT
- 1 Cal OES Law Enforcement Assistant Chief is deployed to the Santa Barbara DOC/EOC
- 1 Cal OES Law Enforcement Assistant Chief is deployed to the Cal OES Southern Region EOC

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Precipitation, Potential Flooding and Debris Flows, Santa Barbara County (Continued)

Resources Assigned

- Short Type III Incident Management Team (Santa Barbara County)

Tentative Resources Requested for 03/21/18

- 2 US&R Regional Task Forces
- 2 OES Swiftwater Task Forces
- 2 Cal OES Type 1 Engine Strike Teams
- 2 Cal OES Type 3 Engine Strike Teams

Mandatory Evacuations

[Per the Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Duty Officer as of 03/20/18 at 0814 hours:](#)

[Santa Barbara County](#)

- Mandatory evacuations have been ordered for the Thomas, Sherpa, Whittier, and Alamo burn areas in Santa Barbara County, effective 03/20/18 at 1200 hours.
 - Per Cal OES Law Branch, approximately 12,000 residents impacted

[Ventura County](#)

- [Ventura County Sheriff OES has issued the following mandatory evacuation notices effective 03/20/18 at 1200 hours until 03/22/18 at 1700 hours:](#)
 - [Matilija Canyon and North Fork area \(Ojai\)](#)
 - [Casitas Springs, Nye Rd. & surrounding areas](#)
 - [La Conchita](#)

Voluntary Evacuations

- Ventura County Sheriff OES has issued voluntary evacuation notices for portions of Ojai City, Unincorporated Ojai-Santa Paula area, and The City of Ventura, effective 03/20/18 at 1200 hours until 03/22/18 at 1700 hours.

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Shelters

Santa Barbara County

- American Red Cross (ARC), Earl Warren Showgrounds (3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara).
- Large animal shelter: Earl Warren Showgrounds (3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara).
 - For assistance evacuating large and small animals, contact Santa Barbara County Animal Services hotline at 805-681-4332.
- Small animal shelter: The Santa Barbara Humane Society (5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara)
- City of Santa Barbara and City of Carpinteria have set up evacuation plans for those needing help with transportation to the shelter.
- County Public Health has pre-identified those facilities and AFN patients within the proposed evacuation areas that may need assistance with transportation and have proper planning in place.

Ventura County

- [ARC: Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Rd., Ventura](#)

Road Closures

- California Highway Patrol (CHP) will monitor Highway 101 and other major routes for potential closures should debris flows/flooding effect roadways.

Health and Medical

Santa Barbara County

- [Casa Dorinda, a life care community, will be fully evacuated which includes 300+ Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing residents.](#)

Schools

- Carpinteria Unified will be closed 03/20/18 – 03/21/18
- All private schools in the evacuation area will be moving to alternate school sites
- [Ventura Missionary School will be closed 03/21/18](#)
- [Westmont College will be closed 03/21/18](#)

Missions

- See Cal OES Law Enforcement Missions slide for Law Enforcement Missions

FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 2
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1

Please note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

- Nothing significant to report.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

Lifeline Routes

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Non-Lifeline Routes:

- Monterey County: SR 1 is closed 3 miles south of Lucia due to a rock slide. Estimated time of reopening: Unknown.

Wildfire Closures:

- There are no wildfire closures.

Emergency Center Activations:

- There are no Emergency Center Activations.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check current highway conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for current highway conditions.



California 911 System

CA 911 Outages		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages

911 Outages/Remote/Community Isolations:

- None reported.

Service Interruptions:

- None reported.

WEATHER OF CONCERN

Weather of Concern

- Late today through Thursday, the National Weather Service is advising of the potential for a significant and excessive rainfall event (Atmospheric River) to impact Central and Southern California valley and mountainous areas, which is expected to produce the following conditions:
 - Significant flash flooding and debris flows over recent burn scars
 - Widespread urban roadway flooding.
 - Flooding of small creeks and streams.
 - Rockslides and mudslides, especially over canyon roadways.

Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca>

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1>

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

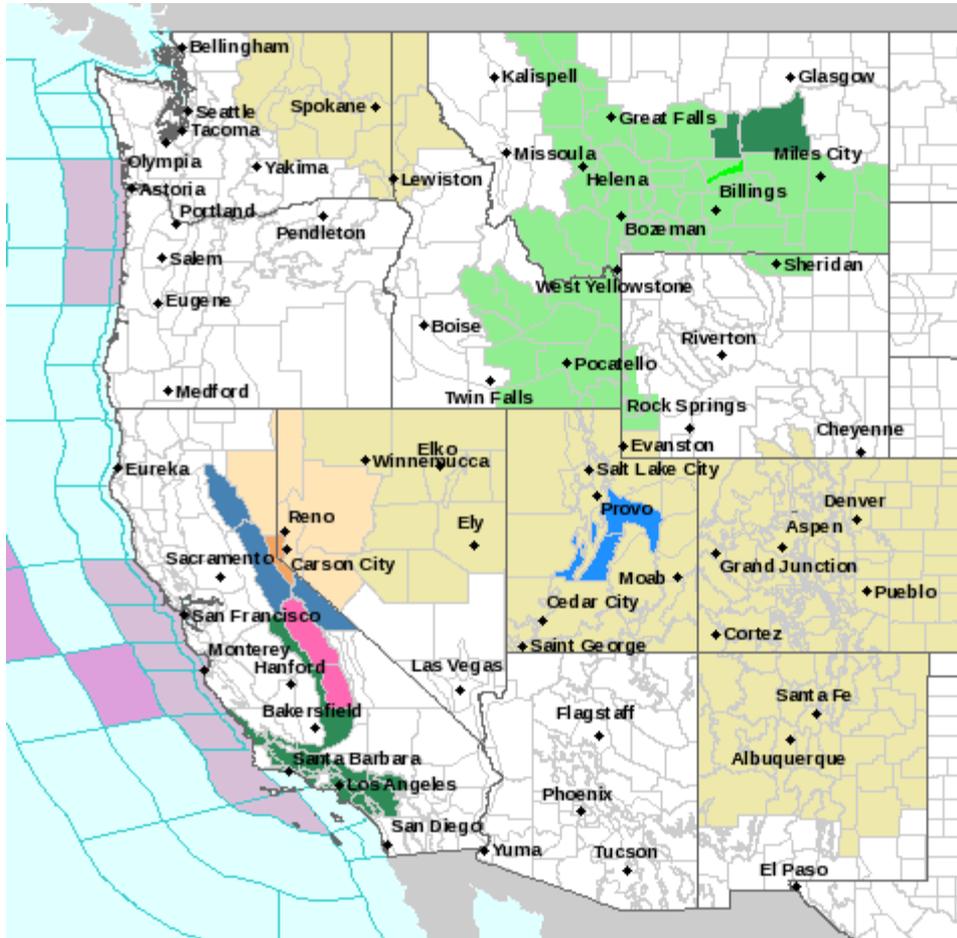
A vigorous, slow moving closed low will provide unsettled weather across the Northern California region through Saturday. Temperatures will trend back to cooler than normal. Significant wetting precipitation will be associated with this event period. Snow accumulation levels will fall to between 2500 to 3500 feet starting Thursday night and lasting into Saturday. Gusty southerly winds will affect the area Wednesday and Thursday. Expect generalized gusts between 30 to 40 mph although locally higher speeds will be found over the highest peaks and ridges. Peak winds are projected for Wednesday night.

Weather models continue to show a drier and warmer pattern starting Sunday and lasting through next week. The ridge is expected to trend closer towards the coast keeping most of the Pacific lows further north and east. System passages will still occur but be on the drier side. Confidence is medium to high for this occurrence.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A strong Pacific storm currently centered well off the coast of the San Francisco Bay Area will bring periods of rain, heavy at times, through Thursday night. Rain will start across Monterey County this morning and then spread east and south this afternoon and evening. Most foothill and mountain locations will receive between 4 and 8 inches of rainfall and most coastal and valley locations will receive between 1 and 4 inches of rainfall through Thursday night. The snow level will be above 8,000 feet through Thursday. South winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph will surface across the wind prone mountain and desert areas Wednesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon and this is when the heaviest rainfall will take place. Temperatures will be near normal through Thursday, with upper 40s and 50s across the mountains and 60s to low 70s in the valleys. A couple of weak troughs from the Gulf of Alaska will cause temperatures to cool 5 to 10 degrees Friday through early next week. Isolated to scattered showers with light rainfall totals will be possible at times Friday through early next week, especially across Central California. The snow level will drop to between 5,000 and 6,000 feet Friday through early next week.

WEATHER MAP



- [Winter Storm Warning](#)
- [Avalanche Warning](#)
- [Flood Warning](#)
- [Flash Flood Watch](#)
- [Gale Warning](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Winds](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Avalanche Watch](#)
- [Winter Storm Watch](#)
- [Flood Watch](#)
- [Special Weather Statement](#)
- [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
- [Hydrologic Outlook](#)

Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- **2018-LAW-45747, 03/18/18, 1345 hours:** Santa Barbara County Sheriff requested the assistance of the California National Guard (CNG) for 5 high-water vehicles to be deployed to Santa Barbara for the approaching storm. Assets requested to be staged no later than 1700 hours on 03/20/18. CNG coordinating. **Mission Ongoing.**
- **2018-LAW-45677, 03/15/18, 0836 hours:** Alpine County Sheriff's Office requested a search helicopter to assist in locating a subject last seen using a ski lift at the Bear Valley Mountain Resort. He did not return home later that evening and his vehicle was located at the resort's parking lot. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California National Guard (CNG) deployed helicopters. Both helicopters were forced to land at the ski resort due to weather conditions. Alpine County continued ground searches, which have not been successful. On 03/15/18 at 1700 hours, Alpine requested additional resources for 03/16/18. They requested a total of 80 Type 1 Nordic ground personnel. Marin, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Placer, El Dorado, Tuolumne and Monterey counties were contacted for resources. In addition, Douglas County, Nevada and the National Ski Patrol were contacted. **Update 03/17/18:** Alpine County advised the search will be continuing through the weekend and expects upwards to 100 searchers in the field. The helicopters were still grounded and a new request for Nano Trackers from CNG was received. The Cal OES Law Enforcement Duty Officer (LDO) made contact with CNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) and they accepted the mission, and deployed last night in preparation for arriving at the 0800 briefing. **Update 03/18/18:** CHP H-20 was able to return to the valley on Saturday and are planning flight time for this same mission on Sunday if weather permits. CNG Helicopter is still grounded at the Ski Resort. 38 Ground units were scheduled to search on Sunday at 0800 hours for the next operational period. The searchers came from Tulare (7), Fresno (3), Marin (5), Contra Costa (3), San Mateo (9 BAMRU), Placer (8) and Northern Ski Patrol (4). El Dorado County Sheriff's Office is assisting with search management aspects (6 individuals for an overhead team). **Update 03/19/18:** Ground search efforts continued without success. All mutual aid ground search units were released at the end of the day. Aerial support efforts were minimal as CHP H-20 had to break from the search for higher priority traffic. The CNG Helicopter was repaired in the later part of the afternoon and was only able to search in the late afternoon. Alpine County Sheriff's Office requested air support for 03/20/18 and CNG agreed to return for AM aerial coverage with 2 helicopters. CNG will also be searching in the evening hours of 03/20/18 with a fixed wing airplane (RC 26), equipped with thermal imaging after the ski resort closes for the day (1800 hours). **Update 03/20/18:** [The CNG assisted Alpine County Sheriff's Office with aerial helicopter searches most of the day on Monday with negative results. CNG continued their search efforts with an RC-26 during the evening hours in hopes of locating heat sources from thermal imaging equipment. As of 3/20/18 at 0800 no further Mutual Aid assets have been requested.](#) **Mission Ongoing.**

Cal OES MISSION TASKING

Cal OES Missions

- **2018-IREOC-45244:** Caltrans to remove dead and dying trees along highways in Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Shasta, and Lassen counties.
- **2017-SOC-44098:** CalRecycle Debris Management Team in Ventura County (Coordinating)
- **2017-SOC-43821:** DTSC to remove household hazardous waste from over 500 residential lots in Ventura County (On Scene)
- **2017-Inland-42559:** Weather station installed to gather real time rainfall data by Air Resources Control Board (On Scene)



Cal OES

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.